



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62322

Yutaka MIYAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/761,689

Group Art Unit: 3729

Confirmation No.: 4689

Examiner: Minh N. Trinh

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: **WIRE HARNESS AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

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| <i>Group 1</i> | <i>Claims 1-5, drawn to a wire harness;</i>                                  |
| <i>Group 2</i> | <i>Claims 6-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a wire harness; and</i>   |
| <i>Group 3</i> | <i>Claims 12-13, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness.</i> |

*Applicants respectfully assert that the restriction requirement is in error since claims 12 and 13 are the only pending claims. Claims 1-11 were canceled via the transmittal letter dated January 18, 2001, which accompanied the other originally filed application papers.*

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that a complete examination on the merits is in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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